

# Who are we?

## Mladinski EPI center Piran

Mladinski EPI center Piran (part of Športni in mladinski center Piran) is a youth center, established by the municipality of Piran in 2001. The center operates in two locations in the slovenian coast – in Piran and in Lucija.

The youth center aims to provide young people living or going to school in the Municipality of Piran with the following:

- a safe place where they can spend their free time
- organized extracurricular activities (theater, language clubs, arts etc.)
- support and guidance
- help with homework and studying
- international youth exchanges
- volunteering opportunities

Both youth centers are open from Monday to Friday in the afternoon (except on public holidays). During the summer (and other school holidays), we organize activities for children aged 6 to 10 years old in the form of a «day camp».

The youth that we usually work with are between 9 and 19 years old, but with different activities and projects we try to involve all young people up to the age of 29. The staff consists of 5 youth workers and some volunteers.

# Social media

Check out our website and read our previous volunteers blogs and experience working for EPI and living in Slovenia:

<https://epicenter.simcpiran.si/dejavnosti/mednarodno/prostovoljske-zgodbe/>

To see everyday work in EPI you can look trough the posts on Facebook and Instagram:



<https://www.facebook.com/MladinskiEPIcenterPiran>



<https://www.instagram.com/mladinskiepicenterpiran/>

Here is a video from our previous volunteers about life abroad:



<https://www.instagram.com/p/C53qFm4lcqz/>



# looking for 3 new volunteers

We are looking for 3 volunteers to work as youth workers plus an additional role in our youth center - Mladinski EPI center Piran.

The positions available:

1. **Youth worker + social media manager**
2. **Youth worker + escape room assistant**
3. **Youth worker + Italian language support**

General tasks for all volunteers:

- **Talk and play with kids and youth**
- Run different free time, creative, educational workshops
- Promote ESC program in local high school and universities
- Help us prepare for events (concerts, youth exchanges, public municipal events)
- Assist in summer day care for younger children of primary schools
- Help with sport activities, cooking events or book club
- Teach board games
- Writing short articles or testimonials
- Have an additional role (social media manager, escape room assistant or language ambassador) - detailed description in the following pages

Trainings for all volunteers:

- mentorship
- what are educational escape rooms and how to create them
- Slovenian language classes
- on-arrival and mid-term training organised by Slovenian national agency

# 1. youth worker + social media manager

We are looking for one volunteer to work as a youth worker and social media manager. The typical tasks for this position are the following:

## Tasks:

- taking photos and videos
- posting on our social media (Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok)
- managing the website
- writing blogs and articles
- create and follow a content plan
- collaborate with other volunteers to create content
- promoting digital literacy
- awareness of risks and opportunities online
- promoting European Solidarity Corps through social media



## Typical day of volunteering would look like this:

11:00 - 13:00 working in the office, making a plan, brainstorming ideas for content, editing

13:00 - 13:30 lunch break

13:30 - 17:00 talk with the kids, play board games, take photos and videos of activities or events

## 2. youth worker + escape room assistant

We are looking for one volunteer to work as a youth worker and escape room assistant. We are creating educational escape rooms, that are portable (backpack or boxes) as well as themed escape rooms (ex. for Halloween) when we turn one of the rooms in our youth center in the escape room. The typical tasks for this position are the following:

### Tasks:

- create clues
- make props
- research different topics
- lead educational escape room workshops at local elementary and high school
- prepare themed escape room for Halloween (together with other volunteers)

### Typical day of volunteering would look like this:

11:00 - 13:00 working in the office, researching topics, creating clues, riddles and props

13:00 - 13:30 lunch break

13:30 - 17:00 talk with the kids, play board games, visit high schools and lead the escape room workshops



### 3. youth worker + Italian language support

We are looking for one volunteer to work as a youth worker and help with Italian language. We are in a bilingual area where Italian is also official language, but kids and youth have difficulties with it. The typical tasks for this position are the following:

#### Tasks:

- lead Italian language club (for elementary school kids)
- teach Italian with non-formal education methods and games
- prepare activities and games in Italian
- help with after school program in the Italian elementary school (2 hours per week)
- help with Italian homework (elementary and high school)
- write or translate our posts in Italian
- have a presentation of your town in Italian language class in our local high school

#### Typical day of volunteering would look like this:

11:00 - 13:00 working in the office, preparing for Italian club, creating activities and games

13:00 - 13:30 lunch break

13:30 - 17:00 talk with the kids, play board games, lead Italian language club, visit Italian elementary school



# WORK DURING SUMMER MONTHS



During summer months, when the school kids have summer holliday (from 24. June to 31. August) the program and work is different. In this months we organize summer day care for kids from 6 to 11 years old. The working hours are earlier, still 6 or 7 hours per day but between 8:00 and 16:00. In the middle of summer we close the center and have 2 weeks of holidays.

Tasks of all volunteers:

- play games with kids
- help to prepare breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack
- prepare some games or activities for kids
- take care of safety when we go out on the beach or walks

Typical day of summer day care:

7:30 - 8:30 kids are arriving

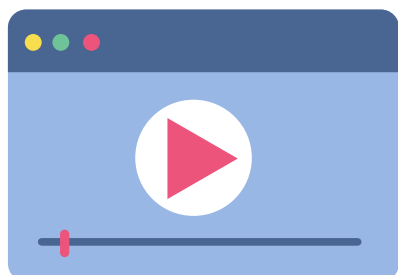
8:30 breakfast

9:00 morning circle - name games, energizers

9:30 - 13:00 activities (e.g. music workshop, beach day, sport day, art)

13:00 lunch

14:00 - 16:00 free play time, board games, ping pong ecc.



Check out the video about summer day care from last year. The video was created by our volunteer who was responsible for social media. [Click here.](#)

# WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS?

- **to be flexible** – work in a youth center can be unpredictable, new kids come, new projects arise ... and we need to be able to adapt to the changing circumstances,
- **to be open to learn and curious** – you don't need to know everything, you just need to be open to learn new things and don't be afraid to ask questions when you don't know how to do something,
- **to be proactive, take initiative** – we like people that observe the situation and see what needs to be done and do it and don't be afraid to propose new activities and implement them, make first step in talking to kids and youth (they won't),
- **to be patient** – working with kids and youth is sometimes very challenging and it can happen that things don't always go as planned. Also working on the coast means that everything is slow and takes time,
- **understand the importance of connecting through talking and playing with kids and youth** - it's important to first get to know who you work with to create a trusting bond
- open to help 2 hours per week in some other organization (depending on personal preference)





# WHAT CAN VOLUNTEERS LEARN OR IMPROVE



- improve your **English** and learn basic **Slovenian**
- work on your **communication skills**, by talking with kids and youth, making presentations, leading workshops ...
- **digital skills** by creating various graphics
- living and working with people from different backgrounds will help you improve **group work, problem solving skills** ...
- **creativity**
- **European projects**

## VOLUNTEERING PERIOD

Volunteering period is one year.

**Starting 1. March 2026 and ending 12. February 2027**

Apply by filling out the questionnaire, so we can get to know you better:

**apply here** 



# OTHER INFORMATION

## **Schedule**

Working days will be from Monday to Friday, for 6 to 7 hours per day, depending on the program of the youth center (max 35 hour per week). Normally between 10 am and 8 pm. In the summer usually between 9 am and 4 pm. Evenings and weekends will mostly be free, unless there is a special event.

## **Days off and vacations**

You get 2 days off every month, meaning you have 24 days off in total. Out of this 24 days, you need to use 10 days in summer, when our youth center is closed for 2 weeks.

## **Apartment**

Apartment for the volunteers is close to work. There are two bedrooms (one single room and one to share in 2), one bathroom, one toilet, one kitchen, balcony and living room.

## **Health**

Our organization is taking care of health of workers and volunteers in the following way: buying fresh fruits and nuts for healthy snack during working hours, offers possibility to play tennis in our local tennis court, organizes company outings (e.g. Christmas dinner)

## **Finance**

We will cover for your travel to Slovenia and back, depending on the distance and is based on Erasmus+ financial regulations for the travel costs of mobility activities.

You will receive a monthly bus transport card and 7 €/day for food and 5 €/day of pocket money. We have 2 electric bikes. All volunteers also get Henner health insurance.